

**Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
98th Semi-annual Symposium
139th Meeting of NYSS/APS
April 18, 2008
Cornell University**

Time: 9:00 AM

Members Present: Chair, Bob Pompei (09); Sunil Labroo, (09) Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Josbeno (09); Section Council Observer, James Owens (09); Executive Committee: Nicholas Bigelow (11); Shu Chang (09); Scott Heinekamp (09); Jill Linz (11); Jay Newman (11); Cindy Schwarz (09); David Trauernicht (11); and Gianfranco Vidali (11); Meeting with the Committee: Rich Galik and Lora K. Hine, Cornell University.

Members Absent: Enrique Galvez (11); Michael Kotlarchyk; (09); Stacie Nunes (09); Michael Rogers (09); and Donnell T. Walton (11)

1. Approval of minutes from the 2008 Fall Symposium at Skidmore College

Motion to approve: Sunil Labroo, seconded by James Owen, Unanimous

2. Report of the Local Committee

a) Report of local organizers Lora Hine, Rich Galik

- Presently, there are 136 people registered.
- 91 students
- 10 AAPT, 23 APS, 10 non-members
- 110 banquet tickets have been sold, (There are 7 extra tickets).
- 100 Saturday Lunches have been requested.
- 17 posters have been submitted, (16 students).

b) Student support Sunil Labroo

33 students have requested support.

c) Posters A local judging committee was appointed.

- Jay Newman, chair
- James Owen
- Scott Heinekamp
- Aaron Sadoff

POLICY: (PASSED October 15, 2004) the judging committee may award prizes (up to \$600) FOR POSTERS (no more than \$100 per poster), categories at the discretion of the judges.

Motion to approve: Larry Josbeno, seconded by Stacie Nunes. Unanimous

2. Secretary/Treasurer Report Larry Josbeno - See Appendix A

There was a discussion, initiated by Gianfranco Vidali, about our budget. There was a unanimous agreement that we want to preserve the level of commitment to subsidize symposia, (but not at the level of the 2007 Spring Symposia), student support for travel, the newsletter and outreach programs.

To maintain the current level of reserves, and considering that we get about \$11-12 K /year from APS in basic support and interest on uncommitted funds, we could support Symposia at \$2 K each, student outreach \$2 K and outreach grants (\$3-4 K) with the rest for mailing and other expenses, but to be comfortable with this model we need to increase membership, and thus the level of support from APS.

3. Future Symposia

a. Fall 2008 Corning Incorporated will host the Fall 2008 NYSS APS Symposium on 14-15 Nov. The meeting will be held in the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, NY as part of a celebration of Corning's 100th year of research. The focus of the meeting will be optics and materials science. The topics covered will range from laser physics to advanced materials for industrial microreactors.

b. Spring 2009 (100th) University of Rochester

- Jill Linz was requested to write an article about the history of the Section on the occasion of the 100th Symposium in Rochester.

c. Fall 2009 Vassar College (?) Cindy Schwartz

d. Spring 2010 (Or Fall 2009) - Ithaca College - Michael Rogers

e. Several possible sites were discussed with an emphasis on Western New York

4. Outreach

A temporary chair was appointed since Jill Linz and Cindy Schwarz will be submitting a proposal. Jill and Cindy will be asked to leave the room during all deliberations. Also, since Syracuse University submitted a proposal, the same was requested of Gianfranco Vidali, The appointed committee was Nick Bigelo, chair, Scott Heinekamp and Shu Chang.

There were three requests, from Skidmore/Vassar, Buffalo State and Syracuse University. All three requests were considered worthy of support and the following motion was proposed by the temporary Outreach Committee:

- Buffalo State - \$750.00

- Skidmore/Vassar - \$500.00
- Syracuse University - \$250.00

Motion to approve: Nick Bigelow, seconded by Shu Chang, Unanimous

Note: A suggestion was made by Bob Pompei to forward the requests from Buffalo State and Syracuse to AAPY/NYSS for further funding. Cindy Schwarz (Also chair of AAPT/NYSS), said she would the e request (and also add Skidmore/Vassar original request. (AAPT/NYSS voted to fund Skidmore/Vassar an additional \$500.00 and Syracuse University an additional \$750.00.)

5. Nominating Committee for Spring 2009 (Sunil Labroo)

Sunil, as vice-chair is chair of the Nominating Committee for the next (Spring 2008) Election.

To be elected:

- 1 Vice-chair
- 1 Secretary/Treasurer
- 6 Executive Committee members

The Nominating Committee for the 2009 Elections is:

- Sunil Laboo (chair)
- Bob Pompei
- Jill Linz
- Jay Newman
- David Trauernicht
- Gianfranco Vidali.

6. Election Schedule Larry Josbeno See Appendix B

7. Report from Fall Symposium 2007 (Held at Skidmore College)

The symposium was extremely successful - See Appendix C

8. Convocation, February 23 (lobbing:21/22), 2008

This was attended by Bob Pompei, Larry Josbeno, Sunil Labroo and Nick Bigelow (Nick also represented the Laser Topical Group, where he serves as Chair-elect. All four participated in Advocacy and visited several representatives of several Senators and members of the House of Representatives.

9. Request received from M. Cristina Marchetti, Chair Physics Department, Syracuse University:

The following request was received by Chair Pompei:

I am writing to see if the NYS section of the APS may be interested in co-sponsoring a biannual workshop that we have been running for a few years mainly in collaboration with Cornell and RIT. The aim of the workshop is to bring together researchers and students from Upstate NY working in condensed matter and materials physics to try to stimulate interactions and new collaborations. The next one will be at RIT on June 6. The attendance has been 70-75 people. Some undergraduates do give presentations at this meeting. So far we have been organizing this on our own funds, but I was wondering if the NYS section of APS may be interested in helping to sponsor this activity. We would of course be happy to write a short proposal with a more detailed description of the goals of the workshop. One idea we have that we may be able to implement with some additional funds is to attach to the workshop a one-day of tutorials for graduate and advanced undergrads focused on some current research topic.

Motion: This request was made in lieu of an Outreach Request. This request is denied and the submitter is encouraged to submit this (in the fall) through the appropriate outreach process.
Motion to approve: Sunil Labroo, seconded by James Owen, Unanimous

10. Membership development effort. Chair reports on current efforts and future plans.

The current effort to encourage members of APS that reside in New York but who do not belong to the New York State Section has increased our membership by

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM. Motion to adjourn; David Trauernicht, seconded by Nick Bigelow Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Josbeno,
Secretary/Treasurer

APPENDIX A: Treasurer's Report April 18, 2008

Assets with APS as of 2/29/2008 were \$32,527.89 down from \$36,699.19, from a year ago, and down from \$43,874.69 from two years ago.

Expenses since that accounting:

Mailing Services: \$921.30

Additional Investment Income \$163.13

Approximate balance:\$31,768.83

NYSS Membership

1999 1,962
2000 1,886
2001 1,906
2003 1,842
2004 - 1,871
2005 - 1,938
2006 2,167
2007 2,221
2008 - 2,436

HIGHLIGHTS (2007/2008)

Student Support -\$2,099.91
2006 Poster Awards -\$350.00
Outreach -\$400.00
Investment Income +\$2,268.00 (total)
Investment Income (2008) +\$326.26 (so far)
Spring Symposium -\$8,046.93
Travel -\$3,228.45
Postage & Mailing -\$1,708.14

The large shortfall is primarily due to subsidies for the Spring 2007 symposium. Other significant expenses are for student support, the Newsletter and for Outreach grants.

The Section has been committed to increasing outreach (Our Outreach program was lauded, again at the January 2008 APS Convocation). The Newsletter expense is justified because it provides information for our members, and is a recruiting tool for new members. An increased membership will enable us to continue to provide student support and promote physics education.

There are 3971 APS members living in NYS as well as others in surrounding states, so we have the opportunity to grow.

The Section receives a base of \$1,000 plus \$4.50 per member up to 3% of total APS membership, plus \$3 per member over the 3% (or NYSS that's ~1,500 members).

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There is talk of increasing the base to possibly \$2,000 next year.Â The dues are recorded in January.

APPENDIX B: APS/NYSS 2009 voting schedule

Nominations (Slate) presented at fall Meeting.

All bios to Josbeno by December 12, 2008.

February 5-7. Create the Web ballot, with links to candidate info. Test it.

February 16 or 17. Activate the Web voting site. Send broadcast email to members advising them of the election and the procedures to follow.

February 23 -27 APS will send paper ballots to all with no email addresses and to those whose email messages bounced. Newsletter or printed bios will be sent to all NYSS members. (Note: A copy of the paper ballot should NOT be included in the Newsletter.)

By March 2. All members will have necessary information for voting online or on paper.

March 9. Email reminder to members to vote, and reminder of deadline.

March 23. Deadline for Web voting.

March 27. Deadline for receipt of paper ballots.

March 30. Inform candidates of outcome. Invite winners to attend Spring 2009 Executive Committee meeting at Rochester.

APPENDIX C

Report on Fall Meeting 2007 Skidmore College

The Fall meeting of the NYSS APS was a first joint meeting with ASNY. The topic for the 97th topical symposium was Planets: Geophysical and Astrophysical Perspectives on their Structure and Formation. The event was held on October 19 & 20.

There were 108 registered participants, of which 45 were students. 33 of those students were funded by NYS APS for a total of \$1685.

The total cost for the symposium was \$3925. Total income was \$2736. There were additional contributions from ASNY - \$500, and Skidmore - \$250. This gives a combined income of \$3486, leaving a shortfall of \$439 not including student support. If we include that figure, the symposium made \$1246 profit.

The main speaker for the banquet was Robert Zubrin, author of Mars Direct. Funding for Mr. Zubrin was provided by Skidmore's 1st Year Experience, President's office, Dept. of Geosciences and the Dept. of Physics.